1.   Listing of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended)   A computer-implemented local resource access system, comprising:

an initiating program that has a link to access a local resource;

a local application having an instruction that generates a request for access to a local resource based on the link to access the local resource, the request including a token and having the form of a hyperlink and wherein the local resource is not accessible directly from the initiating program; and

a translator program that receives the access request from the initiating program, the translator program further comprising instructions that generate a return token in response to the access request and instruction that return the return token to the initiating program, the return token further comprising a hyperlink containing a path to the local resource.

2. (Currently Amended)   The system of Claim 1, wherein the local application initiating program further comprises an instruction that receives the return token and an instruction that launches an application to execute the local resource pointed to by the return token.

3. (Previously Presented)   The system of Claim 1, wherein the translator program further comprises a local application that is part of a media delivery system.

4. (Original)   The system of Claim 3, wherein the translator program further comprises a local server that is part of a media delivery system.

5. (Original)   The system of Claim 1, wherein the translator program further comprises a web page plug-in and wherein the initiating program further comprises a web page.

6. (Original)   The system of Claim 1, wherein the initiating program further comprises an e-mail client application.

7. (Original)   The system of Claim 1, wherein the initiating program further comprises a messaging client application.

8. (Original)   The system of Claim 1, wherein the translator program further comprises an instruction that applies a network security policy to the return token wherein a validated return token is returned to the initiating program if the network security policy is satisfied.

9. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein the network security policy returns an error report if the network security policy is not satisfied.

10. (Original) The system of Claim 5, wherein the translator program further comprises an instruction that applies a network security policy to the return token wherein a validated return token is returned to the initiating program if the network security policy is satisfied.

11. (Original) The system of Claim 10, wherein the network security policy returns an error report if the network security policy is not satisfied.

12. (Original) The system of Claim 10, wherein the initiating program further comprises a java script that generates a hyperlink to the local resource if the validated return token is returned.

13. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the return token generation instruction further comprises an instruction for determining the type of hyperlink to be sent to the initiating program.

14. (Original) The system of Claim 13, wherein the type of hyperlink comprises one of a localhost link, a loopback link, a file link and a protocol link.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for local resource access, comprising:

    providing an initiating program that has a link to access a local resource;

    generating a request, by ~~an initiating program~~ a local application, for access to a local resource, the request including a token and having the form of a hyperlink and wherein the local resource is not accessible directly from the initiating program;

    generating a return token, by a translator program, in response to the access request; and

    returning the return token to the initiating program, the return token further comprising a hyperlink containing a path to the local resource.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15 further comprising receiving the return token by the initiating program and launching an application to execute the local resource pointed to by the return token.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 15 further comprising, prior to generating a return token, applying a network security policy to the return token wherein a validated return token is returned to the initiating program if the network security policy is satisfied.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 17, wherein the network security policy returns an error report if the network security policy is not satisfied.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein the return token generation further comprises determining the type of hyperlink to be sent to the initiating program.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein the type of hyperlink comprises one of a localhost link, a loopback link, a file link and a protocol link.